

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1907-08
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(Murrai)

File No. 173

Serial Nos.

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SUBJECT.

Appeal petition from Katasingappa
Bommanahally, Tiptur Taluk, appealing
against the Dy. Commr's order directing the
recovery from him of certain temple jewels or their
value belonging to Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple at the
place

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

LATER REFERENCES.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 17307

FILE HEADING.

Appeal-petition from Narasingappa of Bommanahally,
 Dibrur Taluk, appealing against the Dy Commr's order
 directing the recovery from him of certain temple
 jewels (or their value) belonging to Sri Ranganatha Swamy
 at the place

From

Narasingappa of Bommanahally.

No.

Dated -

Received -

Diary No. 5738

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

- (2) - To, - the Dy Commr, Dibrur Distⁿ
 no 221 D/15.7.08
 Forwarded sl. 1 for report as to whether
 the temple in question is a muznai instⁿ requ^r
 Govt. interference and if so, to submit a set

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(3) report thereon
from, Archak Varadalingappa
Petition of 8.7.09.

Prays that the Dy. Commr's
order appealed against may be
held in abeyance pending the disposal
of his appeal

Submitted for orders

AK
9/12/09

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29/11/09

Under Secretary's note

The appeal was presented about a year
ago as a report called for. The report has not
yet been submitted. The party prays, that
the Dy. Commr's order may not be executed till the appeal
is disposed of. The prayer may be granted.

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Submitted to the Dy. Commr.

Under Secretary

19/11/09

YES Send a reminder for
report.

12/7/9

Put to draft

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13/7/1909

Issue to the petitioner

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To The Dy. Commr Tumkur Dist
Docket no. 168 dt 14.7.09
Forwards Sl 3 and requests
The Dy. Commr's order may not be ex
till the appeal is disposed of.

M. Narasingappa,

Enote no 167 dt 14.7.09

Intimates the above

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From the Dy. Commr, Tumkur Dist.

Letter no 322 dt 19-11-09

Submits report with records.

The temples of Ranganathaswamy
at Bommenahalli and Anjaneya at
Banasandra in the Diptur Taluk are
Muznai instus endower with Inam land

The facts of the case are briefly
as noted below:—

The Cousin brothers - Narasingappa
(Appellant before Govt) and Lakshminah-
are Archaks doing Puje in both the
temples by Turns.

In ^{March} April 1905, Patel Rame
Gowda and the residents of Banasandra
complained to the Taluk office that
the Archaks had mis-appropriated
gold and silver jewels valued at Rs 800/-
belonging to the temple and prayed

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that these jewels might be restored

Patel Rame Gowda produced original Patti of Vikrama Samvatsara showing the jewels given to the then Archak in custody and the Patti being damaged copies of them are filed (Vide Patel's Statement of 8-12-05)

In Decr 1905, the Amildar at Banasandra Camp examined the contending parties

Ranganua, Buddaranga and a few others who are aged 70, 65 years and so on ^{and} who have signed the Patties state that the jewels were given in their presence to Ramanujiah, father of Lakshminiah and Lakshamma, mother of Narasingappa (the present Archak being then young) some 30 years ago and their signature obtained, that Lakshamma ~~was~~ ^{is} still alive and living, may be made of her (Lakshamma has not been examined but her son deposes for her), and that the present Archak stand in their way, in spite of their repeated requests, to inspect the jewels

Narasingappa deposes that some time back, the residents of

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Bommanakalle took forcible possession of the temple and jewels from him and appointed one Hosalle Chackka Rangiah as Pujari, that on his complaint, though the office was under by Commr's order, restored to him the jewels did not come to his possession and that he did not petition till then praying for the jewels. He further states that the villagers are ill-disposed towards him having failed in their attempt to appoint their own Pujari and that much weight need not be attached to their complaints against him. He has presented Rs 10/- and a few trinkets as being the only temple properties with him.

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The other Archak has almost similarly deposed before the Amildar, while Rame^x Gyoda and others have almost similarly deposed complaining of the mis-appropriation of temple jewels.

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On 20th August 1905, one Kumbha Subbiah pet^d the Daluk office complaining that a silver cup of 70 lbs weight and a brass lamp-post offered as Sevartna to Ranganatha De var.

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from local enquiry, there is every reason to believe that the jewels noted in the Patties were given to the parents of the Archaks, that their sons who have inherited Pige have from them, are equally responsible either for their restoration, or their value, that owing to distance of time criminal steps cannot be taken and recommended the dismissal of the Archaks-

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The Sub Divl Officer recommends their dismissal in case of their failure to produce the temple jewels.

In his deputation of 23rd June 1907, Narasingappa states that no lists were prepared when Pige office was temporarily handed over to Chickkarangiah and when he got it back from the latter.

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Under Dy Commr's order, the Sub Divl offr has given 6 months' time to the Archak to produce the jewels or their value on pain of dismissal.

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Against this order, Narasingappa has appealed to Govt.

The grounds for appeal are: - -

1. The enquiry was behind the back

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of the Appellant and no opportunity was given to him to prove that the Patti on which the Dy Commr's order is based, is a fabrication (He complains in a petition to the Local authorities that artificial colour by means of ~~sp~~ smoking and other devices has been given to the paper to make the "malpatti" appear as old and writing of a recent date is engrossed thereon)

2. The previous records and depositions of the persons concerned ~~would~~ will convince ~~you~~ of the non-existence of the Patti,

3. The description of the jewels given in the Patti is improbable, when the description of the deity is ascertained.

He refers to the correspondence of 1895 - when he was thrown out of appointment and the Dy Commr's order of Decr 1900 thereon - He lays stress on Kumbhar Subbiah's petition (refd. to above in detail) which led to the production of some temple properties by Chikka Rangiah

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The Amloar's report no 782 of 29th March 1909 meets the grounds urged in the appeal

As for the Dy Commr's order of 1900 and the connected correspondence, a perusal

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of which is solicited by the pet^r, the -
Amildar reports in his Stiller no 1035
of 25-6-07, that he submitted these papers
also which mainly related to Puje office
and had no bearing on the question at issue
These records have not been received -

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In his Hukim no 810 of 7-6-07, the Sub
Divl off^r Mr K Srinivasa Rao has directed
the Amildar to satisfy himself that
the Patti is genuine and to record evidence
in support of the fact that the jewels ~~came~~
~~were handed over to~~
~~to the possession of~~ the Archaks by their
forefathers and to record finding as to which
of the jewels and of what value came to
the possession of the Archaks for which
they should be held responsible.

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Beyond examining a few persons,
nothing has been done As the records
were called for, they were submitted by
the Amildar. The order appealed against
is held in abeyance.

Submitted for orders for bookman's that

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Uninquiring order of Mr K S. Rao. 2/10/10
Completed & the records submitted with this

Pls. in

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6 To, The Dy. Commr, Tumkur Distⁿ
Docket no. 2018 D/ 10.2 1910

Directs that the enquiry ordered by Mr K. Srinivasa Rao may be completed early and the records re-submitted with the Dy Commr's opinion -

7 From, Narasingappa
Petition D/ 9-3-1912

Prays that an opportunity may be given to him during the local enquiry to cross-examine his opponents and their witnesses etc.

Submits with a dt forwarding the present petition in conⁿ

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The Dy Commr. Tumkur Distⁿ

No. 2392 D/ 9.4.1912

Forwards the petition in continuation of this office Docket No. 2018 D/ 10.2.1910, with request that the report already called for in the matter may be expedited -

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9. From, The Dy. Commr, Tumkur Distⁿ
Letter no. 239 D/ 16.11.1912

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Submits further report about the recovery of certain jewels or their value from Archak Narasingappa

Further enquiry directed in sl. 6 has been conducted - It has been deposed that formerly the practice was to leave the offerings made to the temple with the Archak himself, that the lists produced are all genuine and that the jewels were not taken by force from Narasingappa as alleged by the latter, when the Archakship was entrusted by the villagers to Chikkarangiah in 1902

The Dy Commr reports that the original lists produced are of old date and have come from proper custody and that the Archak has not adduced any evidence to prove the falsity of the said lists or to show that all the temple property was forcibly taken away from him -

On a consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, the Dy Commr recommends that the present Archaks Narasingiah and Laxshnuah have to be held responsible for Rs 450/- Subsequent to the enquiry by the

Vide Munsai's Report
No. 810 D/ 11.3.1912
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Amildar, Narasingaia applied to the Sub Div^l officer, Gubbi, praying that an opportunity be given to him to engage a lawyer and cross-examine his opponents - The Dy. Commr states that this request was disallowed owing to the fact that the enquiry in question was made in the presence of Narasingaia, and that he wanted only to gain time and evade payment.

In his petition (D 740) addressed to Govt, Narasingaia prays that orders may be issued to the Dy Commr to give him an opportunity to cross-examine his opponents -

Submitted for orders

AVC(32)
3-12-1912

Pld. for hearing

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Off notice, Submt.

Subd to 1st Council

The amildar's report (7121)

Summarises the whole evidence in the case and advances satisfactory reasons for holding that the Amildar, Narasingaia, and Lakshmaiah did justice in the case.

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Certain jewels of the Deity which they are unable to account for. Narasingappa himself has made contradictory statements, at one time pleading ignorance, at another time that no jewels came to him and at a third time that jewels were possibly taken away from him by the villagers. The finding of the J2 court appears to be quite fair. In enquiries of the Govt. permission to have the witnesses examined by a professional lawyer cannot be claimed as a matter of right. The appeal may be dismissed.

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Mr. N. V. R. Narasimhaiah
allowed to represent the Petitioner's
Case, heard.

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The Dy. Commr's view is right
and right. The Petitioner's dis-
missed, ~~settled~~

In Amuldar's report, the Appellant's
father is said to have been

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Secretariat.

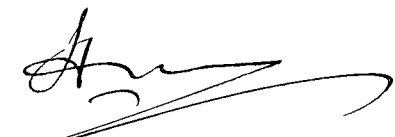
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in possession of jewels worth
100 Rs. The proceeding held
is not ~~so much~~ a judi-
cial one and ~~too~~ it is ~~useless~~
~~necessary~~ to expect ~~thoroughly~~
just judicial proof.

The Dy C2 has not
clearly stated what amount
has to be made good by
petr. The amount is
now fixed at 100 Rs &
the amount may be levied
from appellant, six months
time being given-

9/7/13


Sd/- order
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Submitted with a copy order (retrapped)

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Subd 157th Comm. order
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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

File No. 143 of 1904

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Draft app 2.

In ~~all~~ drafts from this
 Deptt, I notice that Indian
 names of persons &c are not
 spelt accg to any system.
 Except where a man ^{has} spelt his
 own name in a particular
 way in English, all names
 should be spelt accg to the re-
 cognised transliteration system.
 At any rate, it should be so
 in all cases, in which the ~~final~~
 drafts are finally approved
 by me. 

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J. M. S. M.:

In view of the recognised system
 and a list of names of persons drawn
 up for guidance. Also let me see
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1 To The Dy Commr. Tumkur dt
18.8.13

Directs the recovery from Narasimappa
a sum of Rs 100/- being the value of the jewels
of Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple said to
have been misappropriated.

As regards the query in the
previous page, it is respectfully
submitted that there does not appear
to be any recognized system in the
matter of the spelling of Indian
names of persons, ^{not} and a list of
names of persons drawn up for
guidance

Saluted May Branch IV (Edn Sect.) be
NVC(132)
23.8.1913 Committed ~~to~~ in the matter?
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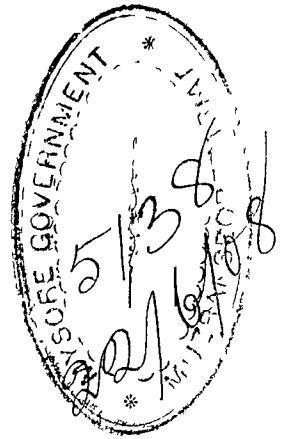
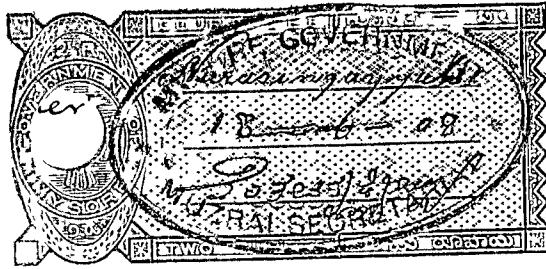
This point may form
the subject of a separate
circular note

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Then consult Mr. IV and
obtain rep^{ts} about recognized
transliteration system. How is the
matter manifest in the branches of
the Sect

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By Repd. At through the
of Dept.

19/6/08

Please call for report. Petitioner - Appellant. Karabingappa residing at
Bommenahally, Tiptur Taluk,
Tumkur District.

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The petitioner above named most respectfully
begs to appeal to this Honorable Court against the
orders of the Dy Commissioner, Tumkur District,
no 136 dt 23.8.07 for reasons stated below.

The petitioner was served with a notice (hereto
appended) dt 30th November 1907. Petitioner put in an
application for a copy of the order, immediately and
has been constantly renewing his application. He
was told, a week back, that the copy cannot be
granted as the same was not a final order. His
request to be furnished with an endorsement to
that effect was of no avail.

In the absence of an order, the petitioner
begs to state the facts of his case briefly:—

The dispute about which this appeal is
preferred, refers to jewels and other movables
belonging to the Saurajai Temple of Ranganatha
Swami, situate on a hillock, about a mile and

and a Railway Station in the
Kubbanahally Hobli, Tiptur taluk, Tumkur District.
The petitioner is the hereditary Priari of the said
temple.

In the month of March 1895 the Patel and
Shambhogue of the village with some ryots forcibly
took possession of the temple with all the jewels and
other movables and appointed one Chikkaranga
a partisan of theirs, as priari. The petitioner lodged
a Complaint before the Amildar Magistrate at
Tiptur. But the accused persons were discharged.

Sometime after, the petitioner preferred
another Complaint against the same persons for
having committed mischief and Theft in respect
of a tree standing on a godi land of the temple in
the possession and enjoyment of the petitioner. The
accused were convicted but the temple was not put
in possession of the petitioner.

After his repeated petitions the matter was
inquired into and the petitioner was put in possession
of the temple under orders of the Dy Commissioner
No 1036 of 20th Dec 1900. No orders were passed
as to the jewels and other movables. However, the
man then in possession was questioned about
the jewels &c and he denied having any in his
possession.

Later on, one Kumbhar Ribbayya, a
devotee of the temple, petitioned the Amildar
that certain things which he dedicated to
God while Chikka Ranga was performing Puja

found in the temple. The Pujare referred to was questioned and he admitted having them in his possession. But no orders were passed as to their restoration to the temple. This was in the year 1906.

On 25th April 1905, the villagers again put in a petition before the Amildar to the effect that the petitioner was in possession of Rs 800 worth of jewels and other movables and has misappropriated them. At about the close of the year 1907, they produced before the Amildar a list purporting to have been the list of things belonging to the temple. The petitioner was asked if he had any jewels in his possession. He had some received after his restoration to the puja in the year 1900-01. No further enquiry was held. What transpired after, the petitioner has no knowledge. The result is the order now appealed against.

— Grounds for appeal —

- 1 The enquiry, if any was held, was behind the back of the petitioner and he had no opportunity to show that the patti on which the order is based is a mere fabrication.
- 2 A perusal of the patti would convince the Court that the same could not have been in existence at the time when it purported to have been made.
- 3 The previous records and depositions of the persons concerned would convince this Honorable Court of its non-existence.
- 4 The descriptions of the jewels given in the said list would be impossible to believe the description of the diety

2028/65 The deity in question resembles an image carved on a pillar without proper formation of limbs &c. The only jewel the deity can be fitted on is the (wood & silver) and nothing else. There are no procession-idols nor there is a female deity in the said temple. Under such circumstances it is highly improbable that devotees dedicate jewels worn by a female deity.

6 The petitioner is prepared to prove the falsity of the patti if opportunity is afforded.

For these and other reasons, the petitioner prays this Honorable Court to set aside orders appealed against and pass such order as the Court may deem fit.

It is. The Appellant preferred an appeal to the Revenue Commissioner at Bombay on 29th Feb: 1908 & his honor returned the petition with endorsement thereon to the effect that his honor had no jurisdiction to entertain an appeal. The petition with endorsement thereon is herewith submitted.

✓ Mark of Narasingappa.

18. 6. 1908.

From

Aug 173-07-2

To

The Deputy Commr
Munkner District

Dated

Despatched 15.7.08.

Received

General No. 221
No.

Enclosure No. 4

Has the honor to
forward herewith petition
registered no 5138 dated 22^d
June 1908 from Van
of Bommenahally in the
Tiptur Taluk appealing
against the Dy Commr's
order directing the reco
from him of certain
temple lands or ...

~~Voluntary~~ Value. The By

Commissioner is requested
to report whether the
temple in question is a
marginal institution requiring
Govt interference and if
so, to submit a detailed
report together with
the records of enquiry.

By order

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Obd) 1577
Secretary
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From

To

The Dy Comm^r

Dated Tumkur Dist^{ct}

Despatched 14th July 08

Received

General No. 1168

No. 173-47-4
Enclosure No. 3

In continuation

This office docket no. 221
15th July, 1908 calling for
a report on the petiⁿ
of Narasingappa of Bo
hally in the Yiptur Taluk
appealing against the Dy
Comm^r's order directing
recovery from him of
jewels belonging to Sri
Ranganathaswamy ten
at the place, has the honor
to forward herewith
petitions regd. nos. D. 1571 D 168

from the said
and to request that the
Dy. Commr's. order may
not be executed till the
appeal is disposed of.

The report already called
for in the foregoing
communication should
be submitted without
further delay.

By order,

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cr's order For Secretary.

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From The Deputy Commissioner,

Tumkur District.

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments
(Mysore)

Dated)
)- 18/19th. November 1909.
Despatched)

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General No. 322.
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Enclosure No. 1 file.

Reports with records re the appeal preferred to Government by Narsingappa of Bommenahalli in the Tiptur Taluq against the order directing him to produce certain temple jewels or their value within a given time, on pain of dismissal otherwise.

Refer
AY
20/11/09
by

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur District.

Dated 18th, November 1909.

From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esqr.,
Deputy Commissioner.

To

K.S.Channarasekharra Aiyar Esqr., F.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No.221 dated the 1st July 1908, forwarding for report a petition received from Narasingappa of Bommenahalli in the Iptur taluq re recovery from him of certain jewels or their value belonging to the Sri Anjaneyaswari temple at the place, I have the honour to state that this temple and another - the Sri Anjaneyaswari at Banasandra - are endowed with the marginally noted lands, the puja in both being conducted by the ^{cousin-}brothers - Narasingappa and Lakshmaiya by turns. On petition received at the office of the Amildar, Iptur taluq, from the residents of the Banasandra village and Patel Ramesh Chandra in April 1906 stating that jewels amounting to the value of about Rs.300, - as per patties produced - (copies of them are in the file and the damaged originals are enclosed in a cover) - had been misappropriated by Narasingappa and Lakshmaiya, the Amildar, after examining the pularies and some of the parties then present, who signed the lists of jewels handed over, reported in his No 37 dated the 7th July 1906 to the Sub Divisional Officer, Gubbi, that Narasingappa and Lakshmaiya, being the sons of Ramanujaiya and Lalamma, to whom the jewels valued at 500 or 600 rupees were delivered as per evidence on record, were bound to produce them and recommended their dismissal also. The

Bommenahalli.			
Anjaneyaswari			
S.No. A- G Jodi			
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Anjaneyaswari			
S.No. A.GG.Jodi			
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Sub Divisional Officer supported the Amildar in his views and recommended the dismissal of the Archaks in case of their failure to produce the jewels in question within a given time. I concurred with him and issued orders to fix a period within which Narasingappa should produce the jewels or the value thereof. Narasingappa was given 6 months time by the Sub Divisional Officer in his order dated the 23rd. August 1907 to the Amildar. It is against this order that the appeal preferred is pending disposal before Government.

The file of vernacular records relating to the case is, together with the petitions received, herewith submitted for reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

N. Ma. Shava Rao

For Deputy Commissioner.

cfS
MRD.

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From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness.
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Dy Commr

Dated

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ENCLOSURE No.

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*Adverting to his letter
no 322 dated 18th Nov 1909
reporting on the petition of
Narasimappa of Bommanakaly,
Diptur Taluk, appealing against
the Dy. Commr's order directing
the recovery from him of
certain temple jewels (or
their value) belonging to Sri
Ranganatha swamy Temple
at the place, has the honor*

To request that the enquiry
ordered by Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao
in his Hukam no. 810 of 7.4.09
(Fetish no. 75 in the Vern. File)
may be completed ^{and} the
records ^{also} submitted with the
By. Commr's. opinion.

2) The records are herewith
returned for ref. and re-
submission.

By order,
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7.2.1910
For Secretary
W/18M10

From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Dy Commr

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9-4-1912
General No. *2392*
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Enclosure No. *1*

In Cont^y of the
Office docket no. 2018
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of Narasingappa appea
against the Dy Comm
order directing the recovery
from him of certain sums
belonging to Sri Ranganatha
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9 has the honor to forward
herewith petition regd no 1104
of 9.3.1912 from the said
individual praying that
opportunity may be given
to him during the local
inquiry to cross-examine
his opponents and their
witnesses and to request
that the rule of the
Court may be expedited.

By order
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J. H. Secretary
4.4.12

Copy filed by
Mr. B. K. S. S. S.
20-4-12

From
The Deputy Commissioner,
District, 837
DIARY No.
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TO The Secretary to the Government of ...
LE No. 173-1/1
General & Revenue Department
SERIAL No. 7

Dated 100 No. 1 2 3.

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General No. ...
No.

Enclosure No. 1 file

Regarding the recovery of
Certain Jewels or Their Value
from Narasimappa Archak
of the Sri Rangamathin
Swami of Bommendhalu;
Tifhir Taluk, for the
the entire records of inquiry
and states that the present
Archak Narasimappa and
Lakshminath have to be
held responsible for the
Jewels costing Rs 450/-

Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District

Dated TUESDAY, 16th November 1912.

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1. Testimony is the evidence given by a witness in a court of law.

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With reference to the
... .. jewels of
... .. temple at
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... .. who were present
... .. devoted ^F who were absent then
it was agreed that to throw light on the
... .. report in the file is
... .. All the
... .. practice formerly to
... .. the temple with the Archak himself, that
... .. the jewels were not take
... .. over to Goshwami Chikkaranna as
... .. the archakship was entrusted by the villa
... ..

properly, viz. Peter John Towle, whose father was said to

been looking after the Temple affairs and keeping accounts connected with the same. Archak Narasingia has not adduced any evidence, documentary or otherwise, beyond his own statement, either to prove the falsity of the said lists or to show that all the Temple property was forcibly taken away from him.

From the facts and circumstances of the case, I am of opinion that the statement of Narasingia^{giva} is unbelievable. The pujaris, Narasingia^a and Lakshmia or their fathers and predecessors in office have, no doubt, misappropriated^{rk} the jewels of the Temple. It is not possible to exactly ascertain the value of the jewels thus misappropriated. According to the statement of Hache Gowda, who is a very old man and who is said to have been present when the jewels were thrice examined, Narasingia and Narasingia together had with them, jewels worth not less than Rupees 450/-, The present Archak, Narasingia^a and Lakshmia have therefore to be held responsible for the sum of Money, i.e. Rupees 450/-

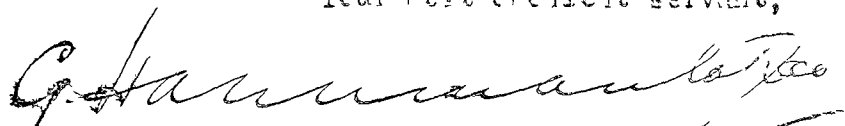
3. Subsequent to the enquiry by the Amildar, Narasingia applied to the Sub-Division Officer of Subbi, praying that an opportunity should be given to him to engage a Lawyer and also examine his opponents. This request, I think, has been rightly disallowed owing to the fact that the enquiry in question was made in his presence and that he wanted only to gain time and evade payment.

4. The file of vernacular records relating to the enquiry and ending with the Sub-Division Officer's order No. 1334 dated the 4th June 1912 is enclosed herewith for reference and kind return thereof.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Accountant Commr. Subbi,
C. P. Dist. Office, Subbi,
Mysore District.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 837

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Date of issue 5. 8. 1913

Signed by M. S. Hanumanthgar

[Directs the recovery from Nara
a sum of Rs 100/- being the value
of the jewels of Sri Ranganatha
Swamy temple said to have been
mis-appropriated]

File No. 173
Serial No. 07

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore

READ—

... Petition regd no 5138 of

22nd June 1908 from Narasingappa
of Bommanahalli in the Fiftah
Taluk appealing against the Dy.

~~ORDER THEREON.~~ No.

Commr's order directing the recovery
from him of certain jewels
(or their value) belonging to
Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple
at the place.

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SUBJECT.

Correspondence ending with
Letter no 239 of 16th Nov^r 1912
from the Dy. Commr, Tumkur
Dist on the subject.

Order Thereon — No. $\frac{352}{173-07}$ of 5.8.1913

The temple of Sri Ranganatha
Swamy at Brommenahalli
in the Tiptur Tq. is a muzrai
nistu and the Puja thereof
is being conducted in rotation
by two cousins — Narasingappa
(ap^t) and Lakshminiah. It was
the practice to leave the offerings
made to the temple with the
Archaks. Petitions were received
at the Tq. office from the
residents of Banasandra
Village and Patel Rame
Gowda complaining of the
mis-appropriation of the temple
jewels by the said Archaks;
and in evidence thereof, certain
old lists were produced ^{GYB -20,000/1911} by

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Patel Rame Gowda whose -
father was formerly managing
the temple affairs. In the course
of the enquiry, the aplt. contended
that the lists were fabricated
and that the temple properties
were forcibly taken away
from him and made over to
Hosahalli Bhikka Rangiah
in 1902 when the Pujas of the
temple was made over to
by the villagers. No evi
was however adduced by
Narasingiah in proof of this
allegation. The Dy. Commr.
that the Pujans Narasingi
and Lakshminiah or their
fathers and predecessors
office have misapppr
the jewels of the temple to
at Rs 450 and has ordered
that the present Archaks
should be held responsible
for this amount. Agawsh

~~This order, Narasingappa has~~
~~appealed to Govt. —~~

(2) The case was heard by
Govt. Mr. V. Narasimengar
was permitted to appear for
the apt.

(3) It is contended that
no clear proof of misappropriation has been made out.
In a matter of the kind
it is useless to expect
judicial proof nor is the
proceeding held a judicial
one. From the statement of
Sergeant Huche Gowda and
the Auditor's report, it is clear
that the apt's father Narasingiah
was in possession of jewels
worth Rs 100. The Dy. Commr.
has not clearly stated what
amount has to be made good
by the apt. The amount
is now fixed at 100 Rs and
the amount may be levied

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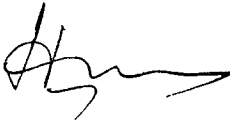
from aplt, six months'
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The Dy. Commr., Tumkur

req. the records.

Copy to the aplt through his
Advocate Mr. N. V. Narasimhaiah.

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*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai, dated 5th August 1913.*

READ—

Petition registered No. 5138, dated the 22nd June 1908, from Narasingappa of Bommenhalli in the Tiptur Taluk, appealing against the Deputy Commissioner's order, directing the recovery from him of certain jewels (or their value) belonging to Sri Ranganathaswami temple at the place.

Correspondence ending with letter No. 239, dated the 16th November 1912, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, on the subject.

No. 352—Muz. F. 173-07, DATED BANGALORE, 5TH AUGUST 1913.

ORDER THEREON.—The temple of Sri Ranganathaswami at Bommenhalli in the Tiptur Taluk is a Muzrai institution and the puja thereof is being conducted in rotation by two cousins—Narasingappa (appellant) and Lakshmiah. It was the practice to leave the offerings made to the temple with the archaks. Petitions were received at the Taluk Office from the residents of Banasandia village and patel Ramegowda complaining of the misappropriation of the temple jewels by the said archaks; and in evidence thereof, certain old lists were produced by patel Ramegowda whose father was formerly managing the temple affairs. In the course of the enquiry, the appellant contended that the lists were fabricated and that the temple properties were forcibly taken away from him and made over to Hosahalli Chikka Rangiah in 1902, when the puja of the temple was made over to him by the villagers. No evidence was, however, adduced by Narasingiah in proof of his allegation. The Deputy Commissioner found that the Pujaris Narasingiah and Lakshmiah or their fathers and predecessors in office had misappropriated the jewels of the temple valued at Rs. 450 and has ordered that the present archaks should be held responsible for this amount. Against this order, Narsingappa has appealed to Government.

2. The case was heard before Government. Mr. N. V. Narasimmiengar was permitted to appear for the appellant.

3. It is contended that no clear proof of misappropriation has been made out. In a matter of the kind it is useless to expect judicial proof nor is the proceeding held a judicial one. From the statement of Servedar Huche Gowda and the Amildar's report, it is clear that the appellant's father Narasingiah was in possession of jewels worth Rs. 100. The Deputy Commissioner has not clearly stated what amount has to be made good by the appellant. The amount is now fixed at Rs. 100, and the amount may be levied from appellant, six months' time being given.

Harasimmiengar

—*For* Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, returning the records

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THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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PROCEEDINGS

Dated 5th August 1913

No. 352
Muz. F 173-07

Directing the recovery from Narasingappa of Bommenhalli in the Tiptur Taluk, of the value of Rs. 100 of certain jewels belonging to the Sri Ranganathaswami temple at the place.